

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD
STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Property Address:	6800 6th Street, NW	Agenda
Landmark/District:	Takoma Park Historic District	X Consent Calendar
Meeting Date:	May 24, 2012	X Concept Review
H.P.A. Number:	12-356	X Alteration
Staff Reviewer:	Anne Brockett	New Construction

Working with MWB Architects, owner Stephanie Scott-Melnyk seeks concept review to add two dormers to her house in the Takoma Park Historic District. The house was designed by architect A.S.J. Atkinson and built in 1911 in the American Foursquare style. It currently features two dormers on the front (east) and rear (west) slopes of the roof. The proposal would add dormers to the two sides, matching the form and dimensions of the existing dormers. While the original dormers have two sash windows each, the new dormers would each have three sash windows.

Evaluation

The American Foursquare was a common building type in the first quarter of the 20th century made popular, in part, because of its availability as a mail order house type through such venues as Sears and Aladdin. Typical character-defining features of a Foursquare are its boxy form, hipped roof, front porch, and dormers. Dormers are almost always present on the front-facing roof, and are commonly present on the other sides as well.

The addition of two dormers on this house which already has them is a compatible and appropriate way to add more light and space to the attic. The new dormers will match the existing ones, yet would be subtly distinguished by their use of three windows, rather than two. In size, form, and materials, the dormers are a compatible alteration to this home and the historic district.

Recommendation

The HPO recommends that the Board find the proposal consistent with the preservation act, and delegate permit approval to the HPO.